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INCOSE UK NEWS

INCOSE UK Council Constitution

I have recently been asked how the INCOSE UK “Board” is constituted, what roles exist, how do members get involved and what the election process is. These questions have prompted the INCOSE UK leadership to revisit the leadership roles and the election process which has culminated in this article.

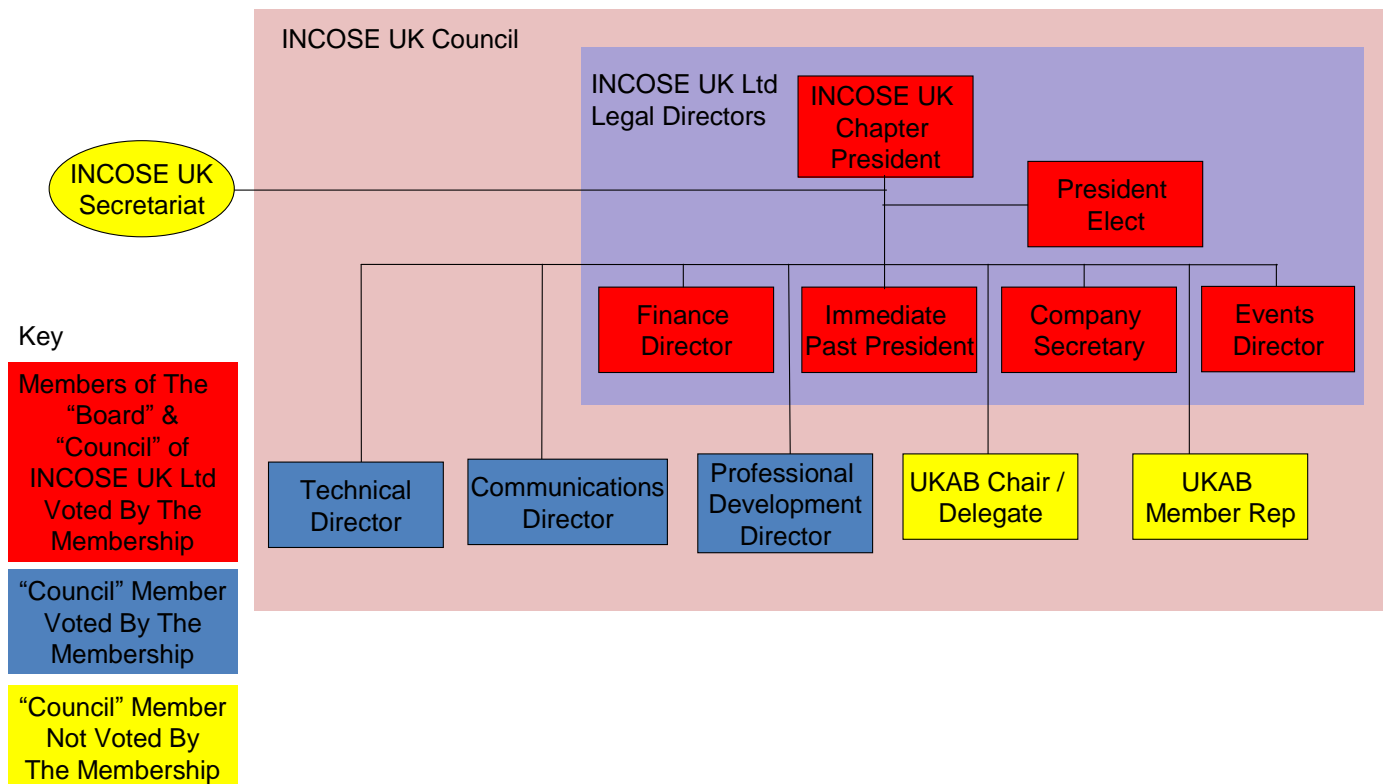
In accordance with the INCOSE UK Ltd’s Memorandum & Articles of Association, the organisation is managed by a “Council” that is elected by the membership, see figure below. This “Council”, which is often referred to as the INCOSE UK “Board”, consists of: President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Finance Director, Company Secretary, Events Director, Technical Director, Communications Director and a new role identified from the strategy development work, Professional Development Director.

1-19 UKAB members = Chair

20-29 UKAB members = Chair plus one other

The UKAB Chair and the additional UKAB representatives are changed annually.

The “Council” is supported by representation from the INCOSE UK Secretariat and by invited team members, who come along to support particular issues, for example, Working Group/Local Group Chairs.



A subset of the INCOSE UK “Council” are also legal directors of INCOSE UK Ltd. These Legal directors are: President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Company Secretary, Finance Director and Events Director. It is these posts that technically constitute the “Board” of INCOSE UK Ltd and are responsible for the legal aspects of the “Company”.

In the past, the cycle of positions for election has become blurred, with the exception of the President, President Elect and Immediate Past President. To maintain continuity on the “Council” there is an automatic succession from President Elect to President to Immediate Past President each being a two year term. This means that a new President Elect is elected every two years. For the other board roles these are three year terms with two roles up for election each year. A retiring member of the Council can be eligible for re-election.

So to clarify the election cycle:

Role:	Year of Next Election:	Term of Office:
President Elect	2010	2 Years
President	2010 (year of changeover)	2 Years
Immediate Past President	2010 (year of changeover)	2 Years
Company Secretary	2009	3 Years
Professional Development Director	2009	3 Years
Finance Director	2010	3 Years
Technical Director	2010	3 Years
Events Director	2011	3 Years
Communications Director	2011	3 Years

Elections for the “Council” are normally held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) (usually held as part of the Autumn Assembly). However, due to the increasing number of members and a large proportion of them not being available to attend the AGM, this year we are introducing an on-line voting system through the INCOSE UK website. Further information on the election process is given in the call for nominations article below.

There is an expectation that there will be a handover period between the outgoing post holder and the newly elected member of the “Council” that will be agreed between the two individuals concerned. The duration of this handover will depend upon the “Council” role, however it is envisaged that it will typically be 3 months and will include both persons attending the next “Council” meeting.

At any point during an officer’s term, the post holder may tender their resignation in writing to the President. On receipt of a letter of resignation, the “Council” may decide to appoint an interim post holder for that vacancy until the annual election process is completed. The next election process after the resignation will include nominations for the vacancy along with the positions up for re-election as part of the cycle defined above.

Following on from the strategy work that was carried out last year, the INCOSE UK “Council” have been putting into place action plans to deliver the strategy. This includes more use of sub-committees under each of the key functional areas. These committees will require volunteer support from the membership and are a good way of getting involved and having exposure to the work that the “Council” carries out. If you find the idea of an INCOSE UK Council position a bit daunting, you might find getting involved with the committees a good way of seeing what is involved with eventual progression to the Council.

I hope that this article clarifies the makeup and constitution of the INCOSE UK leadership team who are there to run the organisation for the benefit of the membership.

Dr Doug Cowper
President INCOSE UK

Call for Nominations

The posts of Company Secretary and Professional Development Director are up for election this year. Anyone who wishes to stand either of the posts needs to complete a nominations form and return it to the INCOSE UK Secretariat by 14 September 2009.

Candidate's details will then be posted in the members section of the website and members will have a four week period prior to the AGM to vote for a Candidate per post. The result of the online voting will be announced at the AGM on 26 October 2009 and the AGM will be asked to ratify the results.

Each Candidate needs a proposer and a seconds both of whom must be INCOSE UK Members. A brief description of the roles can be found on www.incoseonline.org.uk and Nomination forms can be downloaded from <http://www.incoseonline.org.uk>.

Autumn Assembly 2009

The next UK Chapter national event will be the 2009 Autumn Assembly (including the Chapter AGM), on 26-27 October at the Scarman Conference Centre on the Warwick University Campus.

The Autumn Assembly is traditionally our premier technical event with a focus on cutting edge SE issues and master class workshops, and 2009 will be no exception. The attached flyer gives more details of the event theme, venue and pricing.



To ensure that all delegates can take part in the discussions and workshops at the event registration numbers will be limited, as will attendance at some of the sessions. A full event programme and registration will be available from September. So make sure you put this event in your diary now, start thinking about funding and permission to attend and book early to avoid missing out.

Online Registration will be opened on 1 September 2009. For more information visit <http://www.incoseonline.org.uk>.

Capability Working Group

Further to the calling notice sent on 15 June 2009 about the Capability Working Group (WG), the inaugural meeting of the group will be held on the afternoon of 16 September 2009. The meeting will be held at the University of the West of England in North Bristol (just off the M4 / M5). Those who are interested in attending but haven't already expressed an interest in the CWG should contact Peter Lister at pete.lister@incose.org. Full details of the meeting will be published in a few weeks time.

The London Local Group joins forces with the IET.

INCOSE UK's London Local Group and The Institution of Engineering and Technology through the Systems Engineering Network are holding a joint event to reflect on the draft ISO/IEC CD 25010 standard for software quality "In the new model for software quality in the draft ISO/IEC CD 25010 standard, the concept of quality in use has been broadened to embrace a wider range of issues than was common in usability" (Bevan, 2009). The event takes place in the evening of 15 September 2009, entry is free but delegates are requested to register at www.incoseonline.org.uk.

The Bristol Local Group's next meeting covers "Developing Systems Delivery Capability in the South West"

"Over the past two years Paul Shakspeare has been leading a project funded by the South West RDA to identify and resolve strategic skills gaps in the aerospace sector. As a result of this work a training and development strategy to respond to the skill shortages and professional development needs critical to the successful delivery of complex systems has been formulated. This session gives systems engineers, project managers and HR professionals a chance to feed into this process and help steer regional strategy and its associated funding"

The meeting takes place at 18:30 on Wednesday 23 September 2009 at the UWE Frenchay Campus, for more information visit <http://www.incoseonline.org.uk>.

The RIG's next meeting is titled "The Systems Engineering Competency Framework and Guidelines and How They Could be Applied to Rail"

The meeting will take AGM 1700H, Presentation 1730H, Wed 16th Sep 2009, London

The Systems Engineering Competency Framework and Guidelines documents were developed in response to an issue identified by the INCOSE UK Advisory Board (UKAB), whose member organisations wanted a common language with which to describe and discuss the competencies that are required to conduct good systems engineering. The objective was 'to have a measurable set of competencies for systems engineering which will achieve national recognition and will be useful to the enterprises represented by the UKAB'.

Sandra Hudson, Chair INCOSE UK's Systems Engineering Competencies Working Group will be presenting.

Sandra's presentation will provide:

- An overview of the INCOSE systems engineering competency framework
- Suggestions on its usage, tailoring & application
- Example of how it has been applied at General Dynamics UK

The RIG is keen to provide the opportunity for an interactive session, so that we can discuss how to best tailor and apply the Competency Framework and Guidelines to the rail environment.

The meeting will take place at Arup's offices in 13 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 4BQ. Non-members are welcome and there is no charge for attendance but places must be booked in advance. To book, obtain directions or for any other questions, please contact the RIG Chair, Bruce Elliott at bruce.elliott@arbutus-tc.co.uk or on +44 (0)7970 694043.

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EVENTS DIARY

Future Events

Date/Time	Organisation & Location	Description
15/09/2009 - 15/09/2009 18:00 - 19:30	London Local Group Anatomy Gavin de Beer Lecture Theatre UCL	ISO/IEC 25010, A Quality Model INCOSE UK's London Local Group and The Institution of Engineering and Technology through the Systems Engineering Network have joined forces to reflect on this draft standard of a quality model. "In the new model for software quality in the draft ISO/IEC CD 25010 standard, the concept of quality in use has been broadened to embrace a wider range of issues than was common in usability" (Bevan, 2009)
16/09/2009 14:00 - 17:00	Capability Working Group University of the West of England Lecture Theatre 1N05 , Bristol	Launch Meeting The intent of the launch meeting is to identify topics that could or should be tackled by the working group.
16/09/2009	Railway Interest Group Arup's offices in 13 Fitzroy Street, London W1T 4BQ	The meeting will take AGM 1700H, Presentation 1730H, Wed 16th Sep 2009, London
23/09/2009	Bristol Local Group Room 1N05 on the University of the West of England (UWE), Frenchay Campus, Bristol	Developing Systems Delivery Capability in the South West
26/10/2009 - 27/10/2009 2 full days	UK Chapter Scarman Training and Conference Centre, Warwick Conferences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL	Autumn Assembly 2009 (AA09) Approaching New Horizons in a Systems World The INCOSE UK 2009 Autumn Assembly will focus on the role of Systems Engineering in an increasingly "Systems World", with sessions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demystifying some of the current initiatives which are addressing systems problems • Introducing powerful techniques we can use to work together on systems problems Revisiting some of the fundamentals of Systems Engineering and looking at how they deal with the issues of the modern systems world
26/10/2009 17:30	UK Chapter Scarman Training and Conference Centre, Warwick Conferences, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL	AGM The Annual General Meeting will take place after the last session of day1 at AA09.

For more details visit the events page at www.incoseonline.org.uk

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